Our Mission  To improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts

Our comprehensive approach includes grants, training and consulting for nonprofit art programs plus teaching artist residencies, public awareness campaigns and community art programs wherever they are needed most.

The Arts Are The Answer...

...To expanding opportunity
Thanks to support from Monterey County Office of Economic Development, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and our wonderful donors, we have expanded our capacity to increase job opportunities and launch creative businesses through our Local Emerging Artists Program (arts4mc.org/leap) grants and ArtWorks – affordable, temporary art studios at the American Tin Cannery.

...To more vibrant communities
Through Mural Arts Monterey County, our muralists, teaching artists and interns work with youth groups to create immersive, large-scale public art projects. Our teams empower our youth, energize our communities and provide vital professional development for local artists. Many projects incorporate themes that help build community such as stewardship of local resources. Special thanks to California Arts Council, Community Foundation for Monterey County and Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation.

...To success for every student
Thanks to support and guidance of our advisor Lois Mayol, and the participation of many music and music education organizations, the Arts Council continues to lead the Music for All Monterey County Campaign. Inspired by research that demonstrates how powerfully music mastery leads to success in school and beyond, we are working with local media, parent groups and school districts to increase high quality music education for every student.

arts4mc.org/music

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The Barnyard proudly supports the Arts Council for Monterey County

(L-R Brian Blood, Laurie Kersey, Mark Farina, Lilli-Anne Price, Steven Whyte, Jesse Powell & John Burton)
IN MEMORIAM
Harriet Shanner
Harriet died peacefully at home on October 4, 2016 at the age of 98! We will always miss her thoughtful guidance and zest for life. Harriet served on our board and grant review panels for many years, attended many of our events and stopped in from time to time just to give us an extra bit of encouragement on her way to and from her yoga class.

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Welcome to all!
What an exciting, magical evening!
Thank you for joining us for this 13th Annual Champions of the Arts Gala as we honor Monterey County’s amazing 2018 Champions and the transformative power of the arts they each exemplify.
The mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County is to improve the quality of life for everyone in Monterey County through the arts. Our award-winning programs help people to heal and stay well, create more vibrant communities where residents, businesses and visitors thrive, and empower every student to reach his or her full potential.
The arts are indeed magical – but great programs can’t happen by magic alone. That’s why tonight we are also here to raise funds! The Arts Council is committed to making sure that every child in Monterey County has access to excellent arts education programs in school, after school and beyond. Thanks to our sponsors, donors and each of you here, we are off to a great start already.

On behalf of our board of directors, our staff and our entire teaching artist team, I thank you for your support tonight and throughout the year. Your role is essential to our mission; your commitment fuels our progress. It is thrilling to share tonight’s wonderful celebration with you.

Thank You!

Susan Breen, Board President

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Champions Gala Team
Lavonne Chin, Chair, Jacquie Atchison, Laurie Bend, Susan Breen, Ron Cacas, Maia Carroll, Lisa Clausen, Lynn Diebold, Austin Foster, Klara Hickmanova, Berniz House, Arlene Krebs, Karyn Lee-Garcia, Paulette Lynch, Ellen Martin, Robin McKee, Juan Sanchez

Host Committee
Richard Bains, Susan Britton, Sonia Chapa, Yvonne Hildebrand-Bowen, Claudia Gomez, Sunshine Jackson, Susanne Mentzer, Nina Parris

Presenters
(in order of appearance)
Chair of the Monterey County Supervisor and Board Chair Luis Alejo, California
Assemblymember Mark Stone, Monterey County Supervisor Simon Salinas, Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker, Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams, 2017 Champion of the Arts/Luminary
Melissa Chin-Parker, Congressman Jimmy Panetta

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Monterey County Pops!
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Monterey Symphony
Sol Treasures
Youth Arts Collective
We are thrilled to report that we continue to make progress in our quest to ensure that every child in Monterey County has access to great arts education programs. Thanks to increased funding per student at the state level and a new focus on deeper learning, parent and community engagement and positive school climate – more and more schools eagerly have been adding instructors, teaching artist residencies and after school programs. We are honored to be your partner in this work to create the new normal – where every student has regular, sequential high quality arts education. We are still finding that our PAS programs are needed more than ever to fill critical gaps throughout the county. Thanks to your support, we continue to expand our reach and deepen our impact.

By the Numbers

10,000 Students Served 2016-2017
35 Partner Schools – North & South County, Salinas, Monterey Peninsula
60 Teaching Artists: Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Multimedia
10 Average number of Instructional Hours per residency
$1,000 Total cost per artist residency
$1.30 Average cost per student per hour
5,000 Estimated number of students on our waiting list

Last year, we worked with the Arts Council in two grades. This year, we are scheduling artists to come for 8 weeks with each grade. I have been so impressed to see the thought and planning that goes into each lesson. In Kindergarten, for example, students learned about oil pastels and the many ways they could transform a dot. We look forward to continuing our partnership and expanding our children’s artistic abilities.

–Jennifer Zanzot, Principal, Mission Park Elementary School, Salinas City Elementary School District

TEACHING ARTISTS

Higher Order Thinking

Steinbeck Elementary School
6th graders, Salinas
Photo by Ruby Dudley Brown, Teaching Artist

Imagining A Brighter Future
La Joya Elementary School, Salinas
Photo by Kenji Tanner

Increased Focus
Kammann Elementary School, Salinas
Photo by Anne Greene, Teaching Artist

Positive School Environment

Ord Terrace Elementary School, Seaside
Better Together Music Lessons
Photo by Peter Meuse, Teaching Artist

Problem-Solving Skills

Foothill Elementary School, Monterey
Eco Ambassadors program: learning about science illustration
Photo by Karyn Lee-Garcia, Arts Education Coordinator

Learn more at arts4mc.org/artsed

CONGRATULATIONS!
Arts Council for Monterey County
for 36 years of transformative impact through the arts!

Hartnell is committed to providing our community with vibrant and engaging arts education.

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At Hartnell College, we are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

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Our Heartfelt Congratulations!
– William and Rocky Keland

California State University
MONTEREY BAY
In more than 36 years of service, we have found that the arts are the answer to overcome the most profound challenges and to maximize opportunities for everyone. Our top priority is to ensure that children have access to high quality arts programs that help them achieve emotional well-being and develop creativity. Now that the role of the arts in helping every student succeed is better understood, there are now more schools than ever that are requesting our programs. With your support, we will provide Arts as Healing Intensives, professionally curated county-wide student exhibitions, teaching artist residencies, visiting artist performances and demonstrations, and art supplies for special projects.

**Fund A Need for Arts Education!**

- **Arts As Healing Intensive Program:** $5,000
- **County-wide Student Exhibition:** $2,500
- **An Artist Residency in the School:** $1,000
- **A Visiting Artist:** $500
- **Teaching Artist Assistant:** $250
- **Art Supplies for Projects:** $100

Thousands of students are counting on us. Please raise your bid number during our Fund A Need Live Auction this evening or use one of our Fund A Need Envelopes. THANK YOU!!!!!
Proud to support the Arts Council for Monterey County

Champions of the Arts Gala 2018

HYATT REGENCY MONTEREY HOTEL AND SPA ON DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE

The Blue Clay Trio

The Blue Clay Trio features Aaron Georis (bass), David Sanchez (keyboards), Felix Diaz-Contreras (trombone) – members from the Monterey Jazz Festival High School All-Star Alumni band. Aaron is in the Monterey County High School All Star Band. David plays with the Monterey County All-Star Band. Felix is a member of the SF Jazz All Stars.

Dave Holodiloff Band

Dave Holodiloff Band – Dave is an accomplished and exciting musician. Heralded as “the hardest working musician in Monterey” by the Monterey County Weekly, his dynamic musical repertoire includes Jazz Standards, Bluegrass Traditions, Sultry Sambas, Celtic Classics, Gypsy Swing, Latin Rhythms, and more. Also featuring Bill Sullivan on bass and Michael Martinez on piano.

John Wineglass’ Big Sur: The Night Sun


Special thanks to:

Palenke Youth Arts Chorus

Palenke Youth Arts Chorus features young singers from Palenke Arts – an exciting new afterschool program founded by Juan L. Sanchez in 2015 in Seaside.

Guitars Not Guns

Guitars Not Guns, Monterey County Chapter founded by Steve Vagnini and honored as the 17th Senate District Nonprofit of the Year by Senator Bill Monning in 2017. This all-volunteer nonprofit provides guitars free to children and teens, along with lessons, to direct students away from harmful influences.

Monterey County Pops!

Monterey County Pops! is an orchestra dedicated to bringing pops and patriotic music performed by professional musicians to the families and visitors of Monterey County free-of-charge, and to strategically identify, engage and educate underserved youth of Monterey County.

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ARTS AS HEALING INTERVENTION EXPANDS

Each year we look for ways to extend our reach and deepen our impact through the transformative power of the arts. This year, we expanded our award-winning Arts as Healing Intervention Program – designed by Linda Pedrazzini Hevern – to support youth who are struggling to stay in school. At the beginning of the year, youth gain self-awareness through simple exercises that include identifying feelings in facial expressions. They start to build confidence as they select the imagery for larger projects. Teaching artists facilitate practice in observation, critical thinking and presentation.

In just a few months, the youth design their own work using various resources including contemporary and old masters painting. By the end of the year, they work collaboratively to create the final mural or group exhibition – including their personal artist statement – and present their work at a family/community showcase.

With your support, we can help hundreds of youth who need us most develop their skills and talents and make better choices for a safe and healthy future.

The Arts Are the Answer to Healing, Recovery and Resilience
For more information, visit arts4mc.org/arts-as-healing

“We see your program as engaging, collaborative & life-changing & are excited to present this award to Monterey County.”
–The National Association of Counties (NACo) presenting the 2015 Arts and Culture Award for Solutions and Innovation Award to Arts Council Arts as Healing Intervention at the Monterey County Probation Department Youth Center.
Auction Donors

**Silent Auction Closes at 7:15 PM!**
*(Checkout begins at 9:00 PM)*

Thanks so much to our generous friends! Bid Early/Bid Often!

**Adventure and Travel**
- Adventures By The Sea
- Chardonnay Sailing Charters - Jim Beauregard
- Fast Raft
- Mount Hermon Adventures
- Princess Monterey Whale Watching
- Tahoe Donner Association
- North Tahoe Cruises/ Tahoe Gal

**Dining**
- Crema
- Fandango Restaurant
- Flanagan’s Irish American Pub
- Hyatt Regency Monterey
- Il Vecchio
- La Mia Cucina
- Lalla - Ottone Restaurant Group
- Passionfish
- Pebble Beach Company
- Rancho Cielo Youth Campus
- Red House Cafe
- The Haute Enchilada
- Vivolo’s Chowder House

**Entertainment**
- Ariel Theatrical
- Big Big Sur Fashion Show
- Big Sur Food and Wine Festival
- California Rodeo Salinas
- Carmel Bach Festival
- Carmel Music Society
- CSU Monterey Bay
- Defense Language Institute
- Disneyland Resorts
- Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra
- Exodus Escape Room
- Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
- I Cantori di Carmel
- Kumbambe Musica Latino Americana
- Monarch Film Festival
- Monterey Jazz Festival
- Monterey Symphony
- Northridge Mall
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- Pacific Repertory Theatre
- Senator Anthony Cannella Seymour Marine Discovery Center
- SFMOMA
- Spector Dance
- Steve Silver Productions, Inc.

**Entertainment, cont.**
- Sunset Cultural Center, Inc.
- The Forest Theater Guild
- The Western Stage - Hartnell College
- Youth Music Monterey County

**Fine Art**
- Marv L. Anderson
- Maia Carroll
- Joann Dost, Golf Editions, L.L.C.
- Joel Gambord
- Juan-Carlos Gonzalez
- David J. Gubernick
- Mary Hill
- Andrew Jackson
- Cheryl Kampe
- David Ligare
- Mimi Niesen
- Photography West Gallery
- Kenji Tanner
- Murray Wagnon

**Gift Baskets**
- Carmel Jewish Film Festival
- Christine Chatwell
- David Norum
- Gift, Inc.
- Hahn Family Wines
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**Dinner for 12 in Private Wine Cellar!**

**Gourmet Dinner** prepared by Chef Alan Liddle, paired with Fine Wines! Includes Oil on Canvas “Wine, Grape and Decanter” by Bartolome Luzanquis

Donated by Gary and Carolyn Walter (wine cellar)

Value $4,000

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**“Lovers Point”**

24”x30” Oil on Canvas by 2018 Champion of the Arts, Andrew Jackson

Value $3,000

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**One Week in Cabo San Lucas!**

March 12-19, 2018

Corner Family Jr Suite with a terrace / ocean and pool view. One bedroom, two full baths, full kitchen.

Donated by John Allen

Value $2,000
Live Auction

Two Tickets to Anywhere
Alaska or Virgin Airline flies!
Anytime, No Blackout Dates – Expires 2/3/19
Value $2,500

U.S. Capitol Tour
Congressman Jimmy Panetta is pleased to offer a personal tour of the U.S. Capitol!
Expires 12/31/18
Priceless!

Luxury Spa Wellness Retreat!
A 3-night stay for Two at Canyon Ranch Tucson, AZ.
Featuring Deluxe Accommodations

- Three healthy gourmet meals daily
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Gift Baskets, cont.
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Heartstrings
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**VOLUNTEER LEADER**

**RAMÓN SILVA RUELAS**

Dedicated to transmitting the love of Mexican Folklore to the East Salinas community, Ramon has taught free dance classes for more than twenty-five years. He is the founding director of non-profit dance troupe Tonatiuh - “Danzantes del Quinto Sol,” presenting exciting performances and demonstrations throughout the region. From costumes to choreography, first steps to full productions, Ramon ensures that each performance is profound and thrilling for dancers and their audiences.

**PROFESSIONAL ARTIST**

**ANDREW JACKSON**

A contemporary painter who expresses his love of nighttime landscapes and architecture with his unique use of color, light, and shadow, Andrew conveys alluring mystery in the neon of a liquor store, romance in the fluorescent glow of a donut shop, and comfort on a street-lit overpass. He holds a patent for his paint mixing guide “The Color Intensity Wheel,” mentors young adults through The Youth Arts Collective, and exhibited recently at The Crocker Museum in Sacramento.

**NONPROFIT**

**SOL TREASURES**

Founded in 2008 by community residents Sonia Chapa, Barbara Pekema, and Bruce Graham, Sol Treasures was created to strengthen the community through art and culture and has flourished thanks to growing support by local citizens and valued funding partners. Today, Sol Treasures has become a comprehensive art center, a beacon of ever-expanding creativity in King City through an array of programs that add to the vibrancy of the town and surrounding areas.

**EDUCATOR**

**ANGELICA MURO**

Assistant Professor of Integrated Media and Photography and Chair of the Department of Visual and Public Art at California State University, Monterey Bay, Angelica has been a faculty member there for more than ten years. Her courses highlight social justice and community action and inspire her students to further their own studies — through MFA programs, art gallery exhibitions and engagement in social practices. Her recent exhibitions include Glamorgeddon at SOMArts, San Francisco.

**PHILANTHROPIST**

**REG HUSTON**

Reg was trained as an opera singer with a B.A. and M.A. from The University of the Pacific followed by further study in Vienna. His career took him all around the United States. When he settled here, Reg worked with Hidden Valley Music Seminars and Youth Music Monterey – where he helped to found South County Strings. In 2009, he founded the S.T.A.R. Foundation of Monterey County to support youth-related performing arts. To date, the Foundation has distributed more than two million dollars!

**LUMINARY**

**ELLEN MARTIN**

Executive Director of First Night Monterey since 2005, Ellen is an accomplished arts administrator, creative director and event producer dedicated to making our communities more vibrant by making the arts accessible to everyone. Through the First Night Artworks! Outreach program, Ellen coordinates the Greenfield Cultural Arts Center – which she helped establish in 2014 – along with the Greenfield Harvest Festival and several other large-scale community art projects each year.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

**WALT DEFARIA**

Through a career that has spanned film, television and theater, Walt has brought magic to generations. Nationally, he is best known as executive producer of The Borrowers films. Locally, he is beloved as producer, director, teacher and philanthropist. Walt has worked with Forest Theater Guild, Monterey Symphony, Pacific Repertory Theater, and many more! He is a leader and mentor — generously sharing his knowledge of business, love of everything theater and incredible joy for life.